



Mission Report

55th SEAMEO BIOTROP Governing Board Meeting

Date: 16th – 18th October 2017

Venue: Centrepoint Hotel
Brunei Darussalam

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. SEAMEO BIOTROP organised its 55th Governing Board Meeting (GBM) from 16th to 18th October 2017 at the Centrepoint Hotel, Brunei Darussalam.
2. The SEAMEO BIOTROP Governing Board is the principle policy making body of the Centre. It comprises of one representative from each SEAMEO Member Country. The Board is responsible for the overall operational policies, strategic planning, annual evaluation and review of the Centre's programmes and budget within the framework of its approved five-year development plan.
3. SEAMEO BIOTROP's mission is to provide scientific knowledge and capacity building in conserving and managing tropical biology sustainability for the well-being of communities and the environment of Southeast Asia.

C. Participants

1. SEAMEO BIOTROP Director and Staff
2. Six Governing Board (GB) members from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Singapore, and four (4) representatives from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam attended the Meeting.
3. DDAC, SEAMEO Secretariat

D. Organizer/s

1. SEAMEO BIOTROP

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. H E Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suyoi bin Haji Osman, Minister of Education of Brunei Darussalam, officially opened the Meeting.

2. The opening ceremony was attended by seven ambassadors of Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Lao PDR, the Philippines and Thailand and representative of high commissioner of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Secretariat is an ex-officio member of the SEAMEO BIOTROP governing board. On behalf of the SEAMEO Director, DDAC presented the 2016 key significant policies and programmes, operational matters taken from all the SEAMEO meetings in 2016/2017 as well as the proposed Innovation Award for 2018 and the joint GBM in Bali, Indonesia during 20th – 21st September 2018.
2. DDAC also delivered an opening speech for the opening of BIOTROP's 55th GBM.
3. DDAC suggested that joint project on mangrove conservation between SEAMEO SPAFA and SEAMEO BIOTROP could integrate priority number 3 "Resiliency in the face of emergencies" to promote awareness on the importance of conserving mangrove forests to reduce the magnitude of tsunami.

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

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H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

SEAMEO BIOTROP electronic Working Papers consisting of:

- 1.1 Collaboration session
- 1.2 Final compilation
- 1.3 VDO timeline and annual report
- 1.4 Final report
- 1.5 List of participants
- 1.6 Picture presentation



BIOTROP governing board with representatives from various Southeast Asian ambassadors, high commissioners, representatives, BIOTROP Director and SEAMES DDAC



BIOTROP governing board, BIOTROP and SEAMES representatives visited the vocational institute, IBTE of Brunei Darussalam

Minister hails research partnerships

By Jonathan Lee

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Minister of Education Peter Tang Keng Indra (left) and ICTB Director General (right) during the opening ceremony of the 55th Biotrop Governing Board Meeting.

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Brunei population rises nearly 30,000 in 5 years

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News on Borneo Bulletin on the opening of the 55th BIOTROP GBM presided by the Minister of Education, Brunei Darussalam